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My dear Friend: I have just returned from Muroc. The report is true---
devastatingly true!

I made the journey in company with Franklin Allen of the Hearst papers and
Edwin Nourse of Brookings Institute (Truman's erstwhile financial adviser)
and Bishop MacIntyre of L.A. (confidential names, for the present, please.)

When we were allowed to enter the restricted section, (after about six hours
in which we were checked on every possible item, event, incident and aspect
of our personal and public lives) I had the distinct feeling that the world
had come to an end with fantastic realism. For I have never seen so many
human beings in a state of complete collapse and confusion as they realized
that their own world had indeed ended with such finality as to beggar descrip-
tion. The reality of "otherplane" aeroforms is now and forever removed from
the realms of speculation and made a rather painful part of the consciousness
of every responsible scientific and political group. ★

During my two days visit I saw five separate and distinct types of aircraft
being studied and handled by our airforce officials---with the assistance and
permission of The Etherians! I have no words to express my reactions.

It has finally happened. It is now a matter of history.

President Eisenhower, as you may already know, was spirited over to Muroc one
night during his visit to Palm Springs recently. And it is my conviction that
he will ignore the terrific conflict between the various "authorities" and go
directly to the people via radio and television---if the impasse continues
much longer. From what I could gather, an official statement to the country
is being prepared for delivery about the middle of May.

I will leave it to your own excellent powers of deduction to construct a fitting
picture of the mental and emotional pandemonium that is now shattering the con-
sciousness of hundreds of our scientific "authorities" and all the pundits of
the various specialized knowledges that make up our current physics. In some
instances I could not stifle a wave of pity that arose in my own being as I
watched the pathetic bewilderment of rather brilliant brains struggling to make
some sort of rational explanation which would enable them to retain their fami-
liar theories and concepts. And I thanked my own destiny for having long ago
pushed me into the metaphysical woods and compelled me to find my way out. To
watch strong minds cringe before totally irreconcilable aspects of "science" is
not a pleasant thing. I had forgotten how commonplace such things as the dema-
terialization of "solid" objects had become to my own mind. The coming and going
of an etheric, or spirit, body has been so familiar to me these many years I had
just forgotten that such a manifestation could snap the mental balance of a man
not so conditioned. I shall never forget those forty-eight hours at Muroc!

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I am now preparing Bulletin #2 for mailing about Monday. I will add my testimony of the Muroc episode, for whatever it may be worth, and then go into some length about the next big move of the Commies to take advantage of the present public concern about the bomb.

My information is that a vigorous campaign will be started immediately to persuade America that Communist domination is much better than total annihilation. This will emanate from various groups of intellectuals who certainly have a case to present.

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Already in TIME/there is this: "In a letter to the N.Y. Times, Author-Critic Lewis Mumford wrote: Submission to Communist totalitarianism would still be far wiser than the final destruction of civilization.....Let us cease all further experiments with even more horrifying weapons of destruction, lest our own self-induced fears further upset our mental balance.....Let us deal with our own massive sins and errors... and have the courage to speak up.....against the methodology of barbarism to which we are now committed. If as a nation we have become mad, it is time for the world to take note of that madness....."

The purpose behind this campaign is something I was warned about nearly 20 years ago. Its particular intent, among other things, is to split the country into as many warring sections as possible. There is, of course, the ancient prophecy of America becoming a land of four separate nations or peoples. These have sometimes, rather simply, been itemized as a north, south, east and west division. And anyone with an ounce of ingenuity can easily fan local differences into a terrible hate.

Then there is the apparent treason of Oppenheimer, and some others. In the next Bulletin I will try to influence as many as possible to dig deeply under the superficial evidence for the real truth---and perhaps this man, and his friends, may not be martyred as others have already been. My instructors assure me that this man is not a Commie, nor even a sympathizer. But overwhelmed with the monster which he had helped to create, he believed that if Russia also had the science to make the bomb it might yet be possible to save civilization, even mankind.

This is a time for a display of that Christian idealism about which we are so proud, lest the jungle consciousness in each of us destroys every vestige of ^{our} sanity ~~xxxxx~~

I am working against a deadline to have another pamphlet on Etheria to serve as a companion book to Sings-Skies, when the news breaks next month and mob hysteria follows its traditional course.

This is just a hasty roundup of the matter as it stands now, and I will keep in touch with you for further co-operation. Will you please send me your phone number? It has vanished from my files in the confusion around here.

Cordially and fraternally,